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BLIND TIGER ON WINGS

Bill Enacted In Virginia as Joke May
Some Day Prove Serious to
the Bootlegger.

The following humorous story is told of a recent law enacted in Virginia, but should it prove in after years something serious to some illegal purveyor of "bug juice" the joke would be on the "juice" vendor. The story runs as follows:

Forecasting legislation which may have to be enacted by "dry" states in order to uphold their prohibition laws, the State Senate of Virginia adopted without a dissenting vote resolutions offered by Senator Saxon W. Holt of Newport News.

These resolutions make an open season against all individuals operating airships engaged in the transportation of liquors into "dry" territory. The protection accorded even to "ornamental and useful birds" will be lifted and hunters will be at liberty to fire on the airships just as if they were predatory birds.

Senator G. Walter Mapp of Accomac, leader of the "dry" forces in the last legislature, immediately saw the trend of the resolution and moved its adoption. Senator John A. Lesner of Norfolk, leader of the Senate "wet" forces or local optionists, caught the humor of the resolution and voted "aye."

The resolution grew out of news from Ohio that an enterprising liquor-dealer of that state was preparing to get around the strong prohibition laws of West Virginia, recently held constitutional, by transmitting liquor from Ohio into West Virginia by aeroplane. The Senators of Virginia regretted that West Virginia was to be invaded by a wet aerial fleet.

The preamble and resolution adopted ran thus:

"Whereas, The General Assembly of Virginia has learned with regret certain citizens of the State of Ohio have undertaken to convey intoxicating liquors to the citizens of our sister State of West Virginia by means of an aeroplane; and

"Whereas, We deplore the fact that one of the cherished industries of said State of Ohio appears to be up in the air; and,

"Whereas, We sympathize with the suffering citizens of our said sister State of West Virginia because of their liquor coming so high; and,

"Whereas, We feel that such an underhand and overhead method of irrigation should not be encouraged, lest some of the inhabitants of our own Commonwealth of Virginia, after the first day of November, 1916, should acquire the habit of gazing upon the sky and thereby walking unsteadily upon the earth; therefore, be it,

"Resolved by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly of Virginia warns all persons who may contemplate the transportation, from any point beyond the borders of this State to any point within the same of ardent spirits, malt liquors, wines or other liquor containing alcohol by means of aeroplanes, balloons, Zeppelins or other aircraft, that should they embark upon such a flighty enterprise at any time, but more especially on or after the sacred and memorable first day of November, 1916, then in that event the protection now provided by law for buzzards and other ornamental and useful birds will be held not to apply to such purveyors of contraband, but that there will be established an open season of continuous and unlimited duration for hunting all such aerial intruders, provided such hunting be done in good faith for the purpose of destruction and not for the purpose of acquiring the spoils of the chase; and

"Resolved, further, That all of the good people of Virginia are earnestly enjoined never to take a drop from any of the aeroplanes, balloons, Zeppelins or other aircraft aforesaid, as the fall might be disastrous."

Senator Andrews of Roanoke said he thought the resolution should be amended to provide that liquor could not be brought into Virginia by means of pipe lines and subterranean caverns.

FLAG RAISING.

Birthday of Washington Observed by
High School, City School and
Citizens, Monday.

Some time ago Postmaster W. A. Hamby received a handsome new flag from the department at Washington. The flag is 5x9 feet and presents a splendid appearance waving from the 40-foot flag pole erected in front of the postoffice. The pole was put up Saturday by E. S. Cram and the flag ran up to be sure that everything would work without a hitch.

Monday forenoon about nine o'clock the High School, under the direction of Prof. March, and the City school, under the direction of Prof. H. H. Vincent, marched to the postoffice on Main street and three Boy Scouts, Will Dunbar, Edward Qualls and Roy Bishop, who had been previously chosen for that duty, proceeded to run Old Glory to the top of the flag staff. The schools joined in singing the Star Spangled Banner and Columbia the Gem of the Ocean, after which three rousing cheers were given for the flag, led by Prof. March. Numerous citizens were present and witnessed the event with much pleasure.

The schools returned to their studies after the ceremonies were over and left our national emblem gallantly waving in the breeze where it remained all day, while every person present felt in his heart a greater love for the flag and the great country it represents.

A flag that was purchased by the citizens of Crossville some years ago was raised over the court house also, but without ceremony. Both flags were kept up all day.

PANAMA-PACIFIC OPEN.

Saturday at noon, Pacific time, President Wilson pressed the button that set in motion the wheels of the Panama Pacific exposition. It is one hundred per cent complete and out of debt. Forty-one nations are represented, but Germany, England, Russia and Austria are not represented nationally because of the war, but numerous private exhibits of those countries are there.

EX-STATE TREASURER DEAD.

Former state treasurer W. P. Hickerson died at his home in Manchester Wednesday of last week. Several of the state officials attended the funeral.

WAR NEWS.

Germany has put into effect her proposed blockade of English ports; at least Germany has not receded from her first position and maintains she will do all possible to shut off food from England. The English have stopped much shipping service to the continent for fear of German submarines.

The Germans claim that the Russian losses in the last great battle were over 125,000 men and that five army corps were practically destroyed so far as effective service goes until reorganized again. The Russians have been driven out of Prussia and important victories are claimed also by the Austrians.

The American steamship Evelyn was sunk by a mine in the North Sea three days ago. The vessel was loaded with cotton bound for a German port. The owners of the vessel will make no protest as they consider it a war risk.

BOY SCOUTS.

The Boy Scouts will meet each Saturday evening at 7:00 p. m. in the W. C. T. U. Reading Room.

Let each Scout bring along with him his hand book and a piece of rope.

C. V. Bellamy, Scout Master,
Troop No. 1, Crossville.

FIRE LOSS.

The girls' dormitory of the Southern Training school, at Graysville, a Seventh Day Adventist institution, was burned Thursday morning causing a loss of close to \$12,000. Two girls who had to jump from the second story, were slightly injured. The school has over 100 pupils.

LIME FOR FARMERS IS NOW ASSURED

Crusher Bought That Will Crush 20
Tons a Day and Can Be Used for
Crushing Rock for Roads.
To Arrive in 15 Days.

The committee appointed by the county court at its last quarterly term met Saturday and held two extended meetings discussing the different lime rock crushing machinery offered. The committee finally purchased from the Jeffreys Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio, what they call a Lime Pulver at a cost of \$712.50 delivered at Crab Orchard and installed for work, with the privilege of testing it four days.

The committee was impressed that the most important feature of the lime situation at this time is to furnish lime for the farmers. The machine purchased is guaranteed to crush two tons an hour. While the output is not as large as the committee would like to have had, an increase in the capacity meant so much of an increase in power to run it that they thought best to try the thing out with the small pulver and delay further action until experience should show what would be the next best move.

The committee did not purchase power from the Jeffreys company as they think they can secure a tractor from J. E. Rich for less money than the other power would cost and at the same time prove fully as serviceable.

While the machine purchased is not regarded as a successful machine for crushing rock for road ballast it can be used for that purpose. Should circumstances render it expedient the machine can be operated crushing rock for ballast during that part of the year that it is not employed crushing for the farmers. That will give valuable information which will likely save the county money in the purchase of a crusher for road purposes later.

The Pulver is expected to arrive within the next 15 days and a man will be sent here by the company to install it and instruct some person how to operate it. The contract specifies that the county shall have the privilege of testing the machine four days before accepting it.

The committee was composed of Judge G. P. Burnett, Trustee James Smith, J. E. Converse, Esq. C. H. Sells and Esq. C. L. Deatherage. It should be said to the credit of Esq. Sells that he was the first man to present the idea to the court. It is very much to the credit of the court that when the question came to be voted upon the vote was unanimous for the purchase. From talking with numerous farmers from all parts of the county it is very clear that no action ever taken by the court has met with a more hearty approval of the people generally than this.

From the best information available it is thought the lime can be furnished to the farmers on the cars at Crab Orchard at not to exceed \$1.00 a ton. Just what the freight rate will be is not known as yet. The matter was taken up with the Tennessee Central some time ago, but as the road is in the hands of a receiver the question has moved slowly. It is hoped, however, that the final adjustment of the freight rate will be effected before the county will be ready to ship. Every effort possible will be made by the committee to push the work to a point where lime will be in readiness for the farmers this spring and at the earliest date possible.

Several farmers over the county are known to be ready to take from one to three or four cars as soon as the lime is ready for delivery. From inquiries made by the Chronicle editor it seems probable that as much as 300 tons will be sold for delivery at Crossville, this spring and summer.

The general view taken is that this is a move that means as much or more for the prosperity and development of our county as any thing that has come to us since the building of the railroad.

FRANK JAMES DEAD

Noted Bandit Died on His Farm Near
Excelsior Springs, Mo., Last
Friday, Aged 74.

Frank James, of the notorious James gang, died on his farm near Excelsior Springs, Mo., Friday. James, who was 74 years old, had been in ill health several months and was stricken with apoplexy early in the day.

One of the last members of the robber band whose unparalleled career of crime during the civil war and the unsettled period that followed kept the people of a dozen states in terror, Frank James has been living the life of a quiet farmer for more than thirty years.

The son of a minister, respected throughout the community, Frank James joined Quantrell's guerrillas together with his brother Jesse, and took part in the sacking of Lawrence, Kan. After the guerrillas disbanded the James brothers became bandits.

Many notorious crimes of the decade following the war have been laid at the door of the James-Younger gang, of which the surviving members were Frank James and Cole Younger, the latter of whom is now living at Lees Summit, Mo.

Detectives surrounded the James home near Kearney, Mo., on January 25, 1875, and threw a lighted bomb into the house, thinking to kill the James brothers. It exploded, tearing the arm off their mother and killing their brother, Archie.

In 1882, after Jesse James had been shot and killed in his home in St. Joseph, Mo., by Bob Ford, also a bandit, for a reward of \$50,000, Frank James surrendered in Jefferson City, Mo. After his surrender James was taken to Independence, Mo., where he was held in jail three weeks, and later to Gallatin, where he remained in jail a year awaiting trial.

The trial was hard-fought and lasted several weeks. Finally James was acquitted and went to Oklahoma. He never was in the penitentiary and never was convicted of any of the charges against him.

Funeral services were held at the farm house. The burial was in Kearney, Mo., the little town the former outlaw first knew as a boy.

NATIONAL FORESTS.

Big Things Being Done That Few Are
Aware of.

Selling some billion and a half board feet of timber and supervising the cutting on several thousand different areas, overseeing the grazing of more than 1,500,000 cattle and 7,500,000 sheep, and building more than 600 miles of road, 2,000 miles of trail, 3,000 miles of telephone line, and 700 miles of fire line are some of the things which the government forest service did last year, as disclosed in the report by the chief forester for 1914. These activities were all on the national forests, which at present total about 185,000,000 acres.

GOOD FOR T. C.

The Tennessee Central railroad has won its contention whereby the N. C. & St. L. and L. & N. will be forced to handle freight traffic of the T. C. on the same terms as that of other roads.

This is a very important victory for the Tennessee Central and will likely help conditions in this section as the T. C. will now be able to make rates to distant points as by the order of the inter state commerce commission. The T. C. will be able to have its traffic handled at the Nashville switching terminals on the same basis as other roads, which has not been the case and has been a great drawback to the T. C. Nashville shippers are much pleased at the outcome of the fight.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and second and fourth Sundays at 7:00 p. m.

Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Geo. P. Burnett, superintendent. All are cordially invited.
L. A. Hurst, Pastor.

BUSINESS FOR PAST YEAR.

Information Touching Some of the
Leading Products of the Mines as
an Index to Business Volume.

While the year 1914 was a record breaker in wheat production and was a generally prosperous one for the farmer, owing to the outbreak of the European war and the high price of all kinds of food as a result, the general results of the mines were not so encouraging for the demand did not hold up and as a result the general trend of business was very much depressed as will be seen by the following gleanings from government reports:

COAL OUTPUT.

The coal output decreased from ten to fifteen per cent and at the same time the shutting down of manufacturing plants reduced the demand to such an extent as to make competition keen and prices lower in many instances than a reasonable profit would warrant so that the final outcome was an unsatisfactory business in coal mining for the country over.

IRON OUTPUT.

It is probable that the year 1914 saw no greater decline in the output of any product than that of iron, which slumped nearly one-third under the output of 1913.

Iron is said to be and generally admitted the barometer of business in this country. That being true the decrease for 1914 must have been very heavy. Most people are ready to admit from personal experience that 1914 was a lean business year.

GOLD OUTPUT.

The gold output for 1914 was \$4,000,000 in excess of 1913 and the year was a very prosperous one as compared with 1913, but was far behind the record years of 1908-1912. California leads in production for last year as it has for several years. Silver production was unusually heavy and it is estimated that but for the European war the year would have been a record breaker. Nevada retained first place.

BUILDING IN 1914.

The reports show that there was a falling off in the production of Portland cement of over three and a half millions of barrels. Since the use of cement has become so universal in almost every kind of building operations, this one item alone shows conclusively that building for 1914 was far below previous years.

INCREASED OIL OUTPUT.

The oil output for 1914 is nearly 50 millions of barrels in excess of any previous year. California and Oklahoma alone furnished over two hundred millions of barrels of the total of 292,000,000.

It has been estimated that more gasoline and oil will be used this year than ever before, owing to the constantly increasing use of automobiles and the greatly increased use of them which is to result because of the Panama-Pacific exposition and the further fact that the European war will keep many thousand people at home who would otherwise have gone to Europe for a few months this year as has been the growing custom for many years. The very fact that so many people cannot go abroad will cause them to tour the United States more than ever before and much of the travel will be done in automobiles, making an increased demand for gasoline and oil.

CROUP AND WHOOPING COUGH.

Mrs. T. Neureuer, Eau Claire, Wis., says: "Foley's Honey and Tar Compound cured my boy of a very severe attack of croup after other remedies had failed. Our milkman cured his children of whooping cough." Foley's has a forty year record of similar cases. Contains no opiates. Always insist on Foley's. For sale by Reed & Burnett.

There are about 12,000,000 acres of tillable lands in the Philippines, of which only about 7,500,000 acres are cultivated.

John Murphy of Balinglass, Ireland, has been married five times and has 41 children. Murphy proudly asserts that his eldest child was aged 50 and the youngest a baby and all the family were fed on rabbits.